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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE

1. INTERDEPARTMENTAL TASKFORCE WAS CONTACTED MAY 4 AND INFORMED BY ONE HERBERT NICHOLS, TREASURER OF PROJECT SHARE INC. OF GAINESVILLE FLORIDA TEL. 904-376-8541 THAT FIVE VIETNAMESE FLAG VESSELS THE NAN DUNG, DONG NAI, LONG HO, NAM HAI, AND LONG CHAU, POSSIBLY THOSE MENTIONED IN SINGAPORE 1820, WERE IN SINGAPORE BUT UNABLE TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOS. NICHOLS STATED THAT OVER 1200 REFUGEES ABOARD WERE IN DIRE STRAITS. NICHOLS INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED BY AN ACQUAINTANCE NGUYEN VAN BA OWNER OF THREE OF THE SHIPS WHICH HAD DEPARTED FROM VANG TAU. BA STATED THAT THE SHIPS NEEDED FOOD, WATER AND FUEL, IN ORDER TO PROCEED ELSEWHERE SINCE THE GOS WOULD NOT LET THE PASSENGERS LAND. NGUYEN VAN BA IS LOCATED AT THE APOLLO HOTEL IN SINGAPORE TELEPHONE 7208. WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN VERIFYING THE FACTS AND INTERCEDING WITH THE GOS IN REFURBISHING THE VESSELS.

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT, RPT SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY GESTURES
COMMITTING USG TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE REFUGEES.
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